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APPLICANT'S SUMMARY OF THE TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER

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Dear Sir:

Applicant and his counsel wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the help-ful telephonic interview conducted on June 2, 2009.

During the telephonic interview, the Examiner explained that the claim recitation of "facing in a direction of linear travel of said nut" constituted, in effect, a process limitation which should be substituted by a more definitive structural claim language, so that proper patentable weight can be accorded all intended limitations of Applicant's apparatus claims.

The Examiner and Applicant's attorney further discussed the preferred embodi-

ment of Applicant's invention, as illustrated in FIG. 3B, and which is described in Appli-

cant's Specification at Page 5, and that a claim directed toward this embodiment of the

present invention would appear to be allowable over the prior art of record if claimed in a

manner that provided sufficient structural limitations.

As explained in the concurrently-filed *Amendment*, new independent Claim 19

recites the preferred embodiment of FIG. 3B, which Applicant's attorney and the Exami-

ner specifically discussed. Amended independent Claim 11, which is broader than Claim

19, takes into consideration the Examiner's comments with respect to FIG. 3B and the

applied prior art, however, Applicant wishes to make clear that the scope of independent

Claim 11, as amended, is (and remains) broader than simply the embodiment shown in

FIG. 3B and as described in Applicant's textual disclosure.

Applicant and his counsel again thank the Examiner for his courteous and helpful

telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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